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REMARKS

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment submits the changes above, and is responsive in any other manner indicated below.

PENDING CLAIMS

Original Claims 1-14 are canceled (without prejudice or disclaimer of any scope or subject matter), and new Claims 15-40 are presented in order to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's claimed invention. That is, such claims are unrelated to any prior art or scope adjustment, and are simply clarified claims in which Applicant is presently interested. At entry of this paper, Claims 15-40 are pending for consideration and examination in the present application.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer. That is, any above statements/amendment/cancellation (all made without prejudice or disclaimer), should not be taken as an indication or admission that any objection/rejection was valid, or as a disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, i.e., Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

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EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local D.C. area number 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or other suggested action for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

CONCLUSION

No Petition or extension fee is possible or required for entry of this paper.

Attached hereto is a Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment of the additional claim fee due. Please charge any actual deficiency in fees to ATSK Deposit Account 01-2135 (as No. 500.40191CX1).

Respectfully submitted,



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Form PTO-2038 (Fee Code 1202)